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NAVY ANNOUNCES NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN AT NAVAL STATION NORFOLK

Norfolk, VA - Navy officials are reminding commuters to Naval Station, Norfolk using Hampton Boulevard to be alert for a new traffic pattern.

Wednesday morning, the Navy increased the amount of traffic flowing into GATE SIX by changing two southbound lanes on Hampton Boulevard to northbound lanes beginning at Northgate Road, allowing personnel to proceed directly to GATE SIX.

All other traffic on Hampton Boulevard continues as usual to the other base gates.

The new traffic pattern will be put to the test next week as four carriers are in port. More than 60,000 vehicles a day enter and exit the Naval Station, the largest of its kind in the world.

The Navy's regional commander, Rear Admiral Stephen Turcotte, says, "The Navy is committed to finding solutions to ease traffic congestion at all Hampton Roads area installations. We're working closely with the city of Norfolk to effect the changes."

If the new traffic pattern proves successful, permanent signage will be erected notifying motorists of the change.

The traffic pattern at Gate SIX, and all gates at the Naval Station, is only in effect during the weekday commute, Monday through Friday, from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m.

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Note for broadcasters: Rear Admiral Turcotte's last name is pronounced TUR-cawt.